ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Gilliam Springs Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

NEW CANAAN CHURCH, MORGAN COUNTY,

October 14th, 15th and 16th, 1898.

OFFICERS:

REV. M. K. TAYLOR, Moderator, ... Arab, Alabama.
W. J. BLACK, Clerk, ... Getup, Alabama.

Next Session to be Held with New Canaan Church, Cullman County, on Friday before the Third Sunday in October 1899.

TRIBUNE-GAZETTE CULLMAN ALA.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Collecting and reading letters from different churches.
2 Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3 Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
4 Call for correspondence from other associations.
5 Call for petitionary letters from churches.
6 Appointing standing committees as follows· Devotion, Missions, Sabbath Schools, Finance, Temperance, Publications, Nominations, Treasurer's Report.
7 Read constitution and rules of decorum.
8 Call for report of executive committee.
9 Call for report of Treasurer.
10 Appointing correspondents to other associations.
11 Elect executive committee.
12 Elect delegates to state convention.
13 Appoint district meetings.
14 Call for report of standing committee.
15 Provide for printing and distributing minutes.

MINUTES

The Gilliam Spring Association met according to appointment, October 14, 1898, with New Canaan Church, in Morgan County.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Simpson—text, First John, 3rd chapter and 9th verse.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order at 1:15 o'clock by former Moderator, M. K. Taylor. After reading the 103rd Psalm, and prayer by Rev. M. K. Taylor, a committee was appointed to collect the letters from different churches. Eld. W. J. Wright, W. J. Black and R. J. Riddle were appointed reading clerks. Letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Rescue—W. J. Black, W. S. Pervine, W. S. King and N. P. Clark.

Corinth—J. J. Hooton and J. A. King.

New Canaan, Cullman county—L. H. Thompkins and J. B. McWater.

New Canaan, Morgan county—H. C. Steadham, A. S. Miller, D. S. Crisco and W. F. Cryer.

Union Grove, Marshall county—E. J. Stanley and S. M. York.

Shall Creek—R. J. Riddle, Rev. M. K. Taylor, W. J. Wright.

Mt. Carmel—Rev. J. S. Phillips, John Mason, D. D. Morrow.

New Friendship—J. W. Jones, John Knight.

Mt. Tabor—J. M. Black, Sr., W. A. Black, F. M. Helms.

Union Grove, Morgan county—J. R. Black.

Woodland Mills—Elder J. M. Simpson.

Bethlehem—Sam Kay, Rev. W. T. Oaks, W. H. Kay.

New Salem—J. A. Briscoe, C. H. Light.

Gilliam Springs—W. L. Kemp, J. G. Kelley, G. M. Haynes.

Pleasant View—G. W. Abercrombie.

Beach Spring—Not represented.

On motion, went into the election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which resulted as follows: Moderator, Rev. M. K. Taylor; Clerk, W. J. Black; Treasurer, R. J. Riddle.

Call for correspondence from other Associations resulted in Rev. J. Blankenship being seated from Muscle Shoals Association.

Called for petitionary letters. A letter and messengers from

Duke's Chapel were received in the Association, and the messengers enrolled, to-wit: James Hopkins, J. H. Wilson and Oscar Edge, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Devotion—G. W. Abercrombie, W. T. Childers, W. L. Kemp, with the deacons and messengers of New Canaan church.

On Missions—R. J. Riddle and W. T. Oaks.

On Sabbath Schools—R. J. Riddle and N. P. Clark.

On Finance—J. G. Kelley and J. A. Briscoe.

On Temperance—R. J. Riddle and Elder J. M. Simpson.

On Publication—Elder W. J. Wright and W. A. Black.

On Nominations—L. H. Thompkins and James Hopkins.

On Treasurer's Report—Rev. J. S. Phillips and J. Hooton.

On motion, the committees on deceased ministers, documents and education were dropped from the order of business in this Association.

Next order of business was the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, by clerk.

Devotional Committee reported that Bro. Blankenship would preach at night at 7 p. m., followed by M. K. Taylor.

Called for report of Executive Committee. Answer, not ready.

After the report of committee on homes, the Association adjourned to 8:30 o'clock.

FORENOON SESSION

On October 15 the Association convened 8:30 a. m. After reading 103rd Psalm, and prayer by Moderator, a call for visiting ministers, and Elder J. T. Damerson, of Georgia, was seated in the Association.

Executive Committee reported as follows:

Dear Brethren:—According to order of the Association, we tried to employ an evangelist in the bounds of our Association, but failed, to some extent. Bro. W. J. Briscoe did some work, however, and we have agreed to pay him $5.00 for the same. Finding that Bro. Samuel Ditto had done some earnest work in our Association, we have decided to give him $2 50, as our appreciation of the same. According to the statistics of our last report, we find that there will be $10.18 left in the hands of the Treasurer. Also a balance of minute funds of something over $3.00 of last year. We also collected the Sunday schools and churches together at Union Grove, Marshall county, on the 25th of June, 1898, and went into the organization of a Sunday school convention, known as the Marshall Sunday School Convention, and appointed the next session to meet at Union Grove, Morgan county, on the 4th Saturday and Sunday in October, 1898. We recommend that the session be postponed until the first Saturday in May, 1899.

R. J. Riddle, Chairman.

After some friendly discussion, the report was adopted

A collection taken up for Bro. Ditto resulted in $2.35

Treasurer's report, read by Bro York, on motion, was returned for correction, with instruction to report to Executive Board. The report as received by a member of the Executive Board, was as follows:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Minute Fund	$15 60	By A. E. Burns, State Evangelist	$ 3.65
Domestic Missions	13 28	Clerk	15.10
Home Missions	1 00		——
State Missions	75		——
Foreign Missions	50		——
Orphans' Home	1 40		——
R. J. Riddle	3 90		——
S. M. York	3 75	Cash on hand	21.43
	$40 18		$40 18

Respectfully submitted, NAPOLEON WINDSOR, Treas.

Correspondents were appointed as follows:

Marshall Asociation—Rev. M. K Taylor, Rev. J. M. Simpson, Rev. W. J. Wright and R. J. Riddle.

Muscle Shoals—Rev. J. M. Simpson, Rev. W. T. Oaks.

Cullman—Rev. J. M Simpson and R J. Riddle.

The next item of business was the electing of an executive committee. On motion, the following were elected by acclamation: R. J. Riddle, J. M. Simpson and W. J. Black.

On motion, the Executive Board was authorized to use its own discretion in regard to any business coming before the board, without the voice of the board.

Elder J. M. Simpson was elected a delegate to the State Convention.

On motion, the district committees remained as appointed at last Association.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

Dear Brethren:—After examining the letters sent up from the different churches, we failed to get up any special information in regard to the Sunday school interest in our bounds. Therefore, we can only recommend that the churches send up reports of their Sunday schools, so we may know whether or not we believe in the Sunday school work in the Association.

Respectfully,

R J. RIDDLE.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, business was suspended for preaching, by Bro. Phillips—Text, First Cor. 1st chapter and 9th verse.—Theme, co-operation.

EVENING SESSION.

Association was called to order at 1 p. m by the Moderator.

Report of Committee on Publications read as follows:

Dear Brethren:—Seeing the great responsibility resting upon us as a Christian denomination in regard to circulating the truth of the Bible, for upon the truth therein the salvation of humanity depends; therefore, we ought to see that the Bible is placed in reach of every person in our bounds. We recommend that each church organize a Sunday school and supply them with good wholesome literature of our denomination. We recommend that each home take the Alabama Baptist and all other religious literature of our denomination as possible.

W. J. Wright, Chairman.

On motion, the above report was adopted.

Temperance Committee reported as follows:

We, your committee, beg to report that we are sorry to find the question of temperance so little heeded among christian people. We believe intemperance is one of the greatest evils among our people. What fellowship has light with darkness, what fellowship has alcohol and the Spirit of God? Brethren, we believe every church ought to draw the line of intemperance more closely. Oh, that we could but come out as bold soldiers of the cross and abstain from the very appearance of this great evil. Brethren, are we co-workers for God and His kingdom, or are we co-workers for Satan and his agents, who are dealing out this fire, to the destruction of many precious souls. We leave the answer with you. Cursed is the man that putteth the cup to his neighbors lips. May God, in his infinite mercy, help us to resist this great evil. Respectfully.

R. J. Riddle.

Adopted. J. M. Simpson.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the messengers of this Association go home and urge upon their churches to organize Sunday schools and report at the next Association. Respectfully.

J. S. Phillips.

Be it resolved, That we, the messengers of Gilliam Springs Association, adopt the Patch System for the spread of the gospel, and that each member go home and try to work up the system, and that it be cotton as it is ready money; and that we will read Proverbs 3rd chapter and 9th and 10th verses, and Malachi 3rd chapter. Respectfully,

J. S. Phillips.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby extended to the members of New Canaan church, and especially to the good sisters, for their kindness to us during our stay with them. May the God of peace be with them until we meet again.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Domestic Missions	Minute Fund
Pleasant View	$		$	$	$ 25
Rescue		50		50	85
Duke's Chapel					50
New Friendship, Cullman County	1 20				1 00
Corinth					75
New Canaan, Morgan County				1 10	1 00
New Canaan, Cullman, County	2 80				1 10
Mt. Tabor					70
Gilliam Springs	1 40				1 00
Union Grove, Morgan County			30		50
Woodland Mills					50
Shoal Creek			1 35	1 00	75
New Salem	1 35				30
Bethlehem			2 85		50
Mt. Carmel	2 02				1 50
Union Grove, Marshall county				2 37	45
Total	$8 87	50	$3 50	$4 97	$11 65

RECAPITULATION.

Minute fund	$11 65
Domestic missions	4 97
Home and state missions	4 00
Foreign missions	8 87
Collection for Bro. Ditto	2 35
Sunday collection	6 28
Total	$38 12

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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W. K. Taylor, Arab, Ala. J. M. Simpson, Woodland Mills, Ala.
W. J. Wright, " " S. J. Phillips, Warrenton, Ala.
J. E. Canon, " " Samuel Ditto, Getup, Ala.
J. W. H. Kennedy, Arab, Ala. William Brown, Huntsville, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Zeb Morgan, Getup, Ala, Ben Maze, Stringer, Ala.
W. T. Oaks, Lacy Springs, Ala.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF GILLIAM SPRINGS ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	COUNTY	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES.	Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Reinstated.	Dismissed by letter	Exclusions.	Deaths	Membership	Days of Meeting.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates.	S. S. Pupils.	Sunday Schools.
Mt. Tabor	W. J. Wright	Marshall	J M Black	Getup	...	...	...	4	1	...	83	1	...	...	...	
New Friendship	J. E. Canon	"	R M Camp	Union Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	
Bethlehem	W J Briscoe	Morgan	S G Kay	Lacy Springs	...	2	...	...	...	...	19	1	...	1	...	
Mt. Carmel	J S Phillips	Marshall	P H Duett	Warrenton	9	3	1	5	3	...	110	3	1	...	...	1
Rescue	Samuel Ditto	Morgan	W J Black.	Getup	4	6	...	3	...	...	119	2	1	...	...	
Union Grove	J W Bowling	"	J.R Black	Lacy Springs	8	...	2	5	...	...	98	4	1	1	...	1
New Salem	W J Wright	Marshall	J A Briscoe	Center Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	3	...	...	...	1
Corinth	J E Bagwell,	Cullman.	J T King	Joppa	8	14	1	13	...	...	57	3	...	...	...	
Shoal Creek	M K Taylor	Marshall	H L Farrester	Arab	6	...	...	5	...	1	83	...	2	...	80	1
Union Grove	MK Taytor	"	J O Jackson	Union Grove	7	11	...	7	2	2	129	2	...	...	50	1
Woodland Mills	J M Simpson	Morgan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	1	...	...	
New Canaan	J E Canon	Cullman	C T Lambert	Arab	7	12	1	2	...	1	77	...	2	1	...	1
New Canaan	J A Perkins	Morgan	W F Cryer	Woodland Mills	11	1	1	3	2	...	61	1	...	...	...	
Dukes Chapel	Samuel Ditto	Marshall	Oscar Edge	Lacy Springs	2	4	...	...	...	...	12	1	...	...	...	
Gilliam Springs	W J Weaver	"	J G Kelley	Arab.	...	3	...	5	2	1	64	1	...	...	...	
Pleasant View	...	"	D A Brock	Union Grove	...	...	...	...	...	8	32	3	...	...	...	
Beech Springs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		Total			69	56	6	52	10	5	1085		8	3	130	6